Dear Wayne (cc Bud),

12/15/71

Bud has sent me a copy of your letter and story on Claude Cockrell. The name sure sounds familiar, but I can't place it independently. The story is typical of racism, which suggests you might want to check with A.I.Botnick, regional Anti-Defamation League man in New Orleans (504/JA2-9534), known as "B" and hospitalized as of the day after our pleasant meeting at the Memphis airport.

= Some aspects you did not emphasize interest me. In N.O. there were constant but fruitless leads to divers, in almost all cases also involving sado-mosochism. I can't make out the name of his outfit on the xerox of the xerox of the card, so I don't know if it is that of any outfit of which I then heard.

Bud might consider running through Group Research. There is a Mrs. Bishop in NSAP, from your general area (re Cal or Carl).

Mobile radio telephone is not what was used in the King fake. That is CB, which is different. I wonder that Bell had CB aerials. How would 208 Poplar be re: reception where the broadcast was monitored?

Do you have a list of what was stolen at the Armory. Any .30-06 rifle would be very, very interesting, wouldn't it?

His history and his Wallace connection make him of interest in some leads I'm following, so if you have any other scrap, no matter how seemingly insignifcant, I'd appreciate. Has he close connections with any other local politicos of which you know?

I have nothing on the other names, but suggest GR check would be appropriate.

Your story says he claims to have been a major organizer for Wallace. Any claim to have been a fund raiser? Or to have travelled with others on such ventures? I have such a lead, without names. Any claim to friendship with Leander Perez (Sr., dead)? This is the kind of thing that could fit. Have the local morgues anything on him? There should have been some stories at least during the campaigns.

Best,

Harold Weisberg